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A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The information furnished by the District Magistrate with reference to clauses (b) and (d) of the question referred to is given below :—

Clause (b) of question No. 563.—Yes.

Clause (d) of question No. 563.—The following is a list of the Honorary Magistrates in the Bench Court at Tirupat-

tur :—

Name of member.	Community to which he belongs.
(1) M.R.Ry. N. Narasinga Rao Avargal.	Christian.
(2) Sahib Peeran Sahib Bahadur ...	Muham-
	madan.
(3) M.R.Ry. Govindaswami Kavandan Avargal	Non-
	Brahman.
(4) M.R.Ry. T. P. V. Chandroya Chettiyar Avargal	Do.
(5) M.R.Ry. T. N. Hanumantha Upasakar Avargal	Adi-
	Dravida,
	Brahman.
(6) M.R.Ry. C. Krishna Rao Avargal.	Do
(7) " T. V. Sitarama Ayyar Avargal	Non-
	Brahman.
(8) M.R.Ry. C. Samundi Kavandan Avargal	Muham-
	madan.
(9) Muhammad Ghouse Sahib Bahadur ...	Do.
(10) Khan Sahib Salar Sahib Bahadur ...	Christian.
(11) M.R.Ry. G. V. Job Avargal ...	

Appointments to the Mettupalayam Bench Court, Coimbatore district.

* 132 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that three Brahmans and two non-Brahmans were already appointed Honorary Bench Magistrates to the Mettupalayam Bench Court, Coimbatore district;

(b) whether two more Brahmans have been recommended for appointment; and

(c) if so, why no member of the depressed classes was recommended as Honorary Bench Magistrate?

A.—(a) Prior to April 1925 there were five members on the Bench. Of these two were officials and three non-officials. Of the three non-officials two were Brahmans. In April 1925 a Muham-

madan gentleman was appointed as an additional member.

(b) No.

(c) The question does not arise.

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Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“I find from the answer to clause (a) that two Brahman gentlemen were appointed as honorary bench magistrates to the Mettupalaiyam Bench Court. I want to know the necessity for appointing two Brahman gentlemen ignoring the claims of the depressed classes?”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“If the Government finds that there are members of the depressed classes available, they will take steps to include them on the bench courts.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“May I know whether any representation was received from the members of the depressed classes saying that they were not able to find a suitable person to represent them on the bench courts?”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“No representations were received either pointing out anybody who was suitable.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“In that case, may I take it that the authorities did not care to find out whether there were suitable members among the depressed classes to serve equally well on the Mettupalaiyam Bench Court?”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“Those appointments are made on the recommendation of the local collectors and district magistrates. If communities which have a right, an undoubted right, to be represented on these bench courts, have competent men available, they should bring the matter to the notice of the local authorities. Then the Government will be in a better position to look into the matter.”

Composition of the Vaniambadi Bench Court.

* 183 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) how many members have been appointed to the Vaniambadi Bench Court, North Arcot district;
- (b) the names of the members appointed together with the caste or community to which each belongs;
- (c) whether any member belonging to the depressed classes has been appointed;
- (d) if not, the reason why a member of the depressed classes has not been appointed;
- (e) the population of each community or class to which the members already appointed belong; and
- (f) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) Eight.

(b) & (e)—

Name.	Caste.	Popula- tion.
M.R.Ry. E. Subrahmanya Chetti Avargal	Vania	Vysia ... } 2,351
M.R.Ry. Govindaraju Chetti Avargal	Do.	... }